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SIXTH DISTRICT

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Chairman John Minan and Regional Board Members
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, California 92123-4340

**RE: Comments on Tentative Order No. R9-2004-0154 for Duke Energy South Bay, LLC,
South Bay Power Plant**

Dear Chairman John Minan and Regional Board Members:

I am writing to strongly urge you to adopt a permit for the South Bay Power Plant that protects the water quality and ecosystem of the San Diego Bay.

For over 40 years, the South Bay Power Plant has impacted the Bay's ecosystem with thermal and chemical pollution leading to significant environmental impacts. Roughly 20 percent of the water in the South Bay is drawn into the plant every day. Early life stages of marine plants and animals also are drawn into the cooling water system, where they are subjected to damage or death, as well as chemical, temperature and pressure shock. The loss of early life stages of fish, shellfish and other invertebrates, and other microscopic plants and animals, affect the overall ecological balance of the Bay. Millions of these organisms are lost in the Power Plant each year.

I encourage Board Members to adopt a stringent permit and strongly consider the more detailed comments of the San Diego Bay Council, who have been actively involved in this issue for the past 4 years.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at (619) 236-6616.

Sincerely,

Councilmember Donna Frye
Sixth District

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